# Treatment Options Part 1

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### **Topics – Part 1**

- Arsenic Chemistry
- BAT Technology

Adsorptive Media



# **Arsenic Chemistry**

**Arsenic Species** 

As (III) - 
$$\underline{H_3AsO_3}^0$$
,  $H_2AsO_3^{-1}$ ,  $HAsO_3^{-2}$ 

As (V) - 
$$H_3$$
AsO<sub>4</sub><sup>0</sup>,  $HAsO_{\underline{4}}^{-1}$ ,  $AsO_{\underline{4}}^{-2}$ 



# **Arsenic Chemistry**

What is the significance of arsenic speciation?

As V more effectively removed than As III by most treatment technologies



## **Arsenic Occurrence**

Surface waters - predominantly As (V)

Ground waters – usually found as As (III), however, it can As (V) or a combination of As (III) and As (V).



# **Arsenic Chemistry**

For maximum As removal

oxidize As (III) to As (V)

before applying treatment



### As III Oxidation

#### **Effective!**

- Free Chlorine
- Potassium Permanganate
- Ozone
- Solid Oxidizing Media (MnO<sub>2</sub> solids)

#### Ineffective

- Chloramine
- Chlorine Dioxide
- UV Radiation



### Oxidation of As III by aeration

### not effective



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## Arsenic Rule

#### **Best Available Technology (BAT)**

Technology	<b>Maximum Percent</b>		
	Removal (As V)		
Ion Exchange	95		
Activated Alumina	90		
Reverse Osmosis	>95		
Modified Coag/Filtration	95		
Modified Lime Softening	80		
Electrodialysis Reversal	85		
Oxidation/Filtration (20:1 Fe/As)	80		



### **Arsenic Rule**

#### Other Ground Water Processes

**Technology** 

Reason for not being listed as BAT

Coagulation Assisted Microfiltration

No full scale history

Granular Ferric Hydroxide (GFH)

Lack of published data



### **Arsenic Rule**

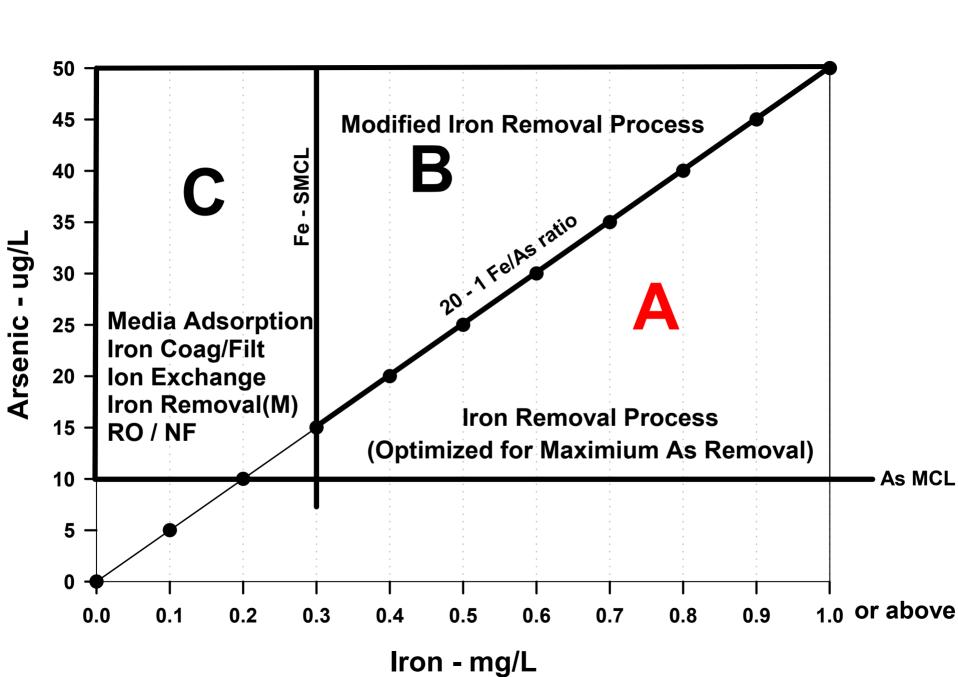
Small Systems Compliance Technologies

■Centralized Treatment – IE, AA, MC/F, MLS, Fe Removal

- POU RO, Activated Alumina
- POE Activated Alumina



#### **Arsenic Treatment - Process Selection Guide**



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### Arsenic Demonstration Program – Round 1

Technologies selected for demonstration (12 sites)

### Adsorptive media – 9

Iron media – 7 (E 33, Sorb 33, GFH)

Iron based media − 1 (G2)

Modified activated alumina −1 (AAFS 50)

Ion exchange -1 (As & NO<sub>3</sub>)

Iron removal -1

Treatment modification (iron removal process) - 1



# Adsorptive Media Processes

# Advantages

- Simple process
- High removal capacity
- Non hazardous waste products
- Low cost



# Adsorptive Media Treatment

# Disadvantages

- Removal capacity impacted by water chemistry, such as pH
- pH adjustment may be required
- Media replacement



# Adsorptive Media Treatment

# Key design factors

- Media
- Bed configuration

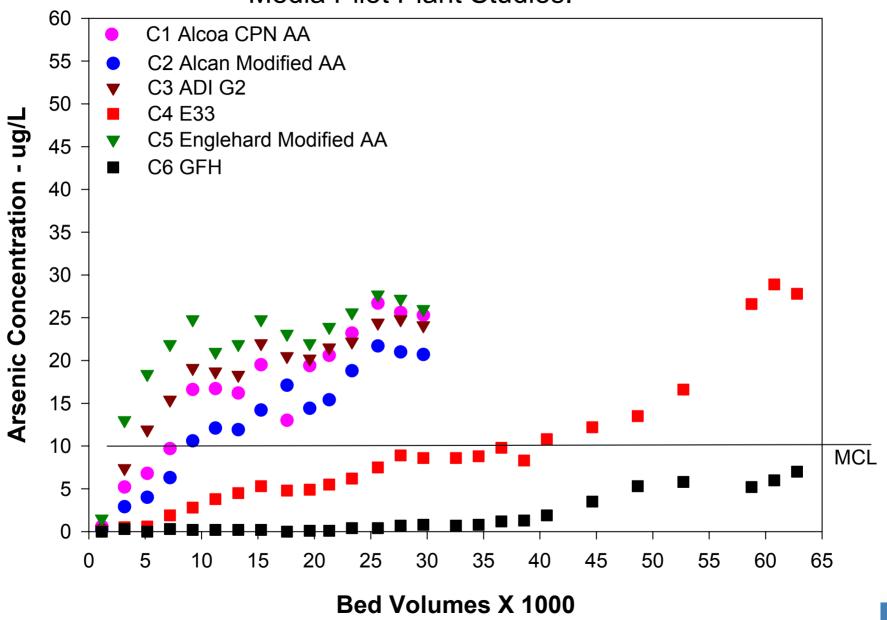


### Adsorptive Media Listed in NSF/ANSI STD 61

Company	Base Material	<u>Name</u>	<u>Material</u>
Alcan (4)	Aluminium	AAFS - 50	Mod AA
Alcoa (2)	Aluminium CPN		AA
Apyron	Aluminium	Aqua-Bind	Mod AA
Engelhard	Aluminium	ARM 100	AA
Engelhard	Iron	ARM 200	Iron Oxide
ADI Internat.	Iron	G2	Iron based
SMI	Iron	SMI III	Iron/sulfur
US Filter	Iron	GFH	Iron Hydroxide
Bayer AG	Iron	E 33	Iron Oxide
WRT	Zeolite	Z - 33	Mod Zeolite
Magnesium Elektron	Zirconium	Isolux	Zirconium Hydroxide



Figure 1. Results of Arsenic Removal by Adsorptive Media Pilot Plant Studies.

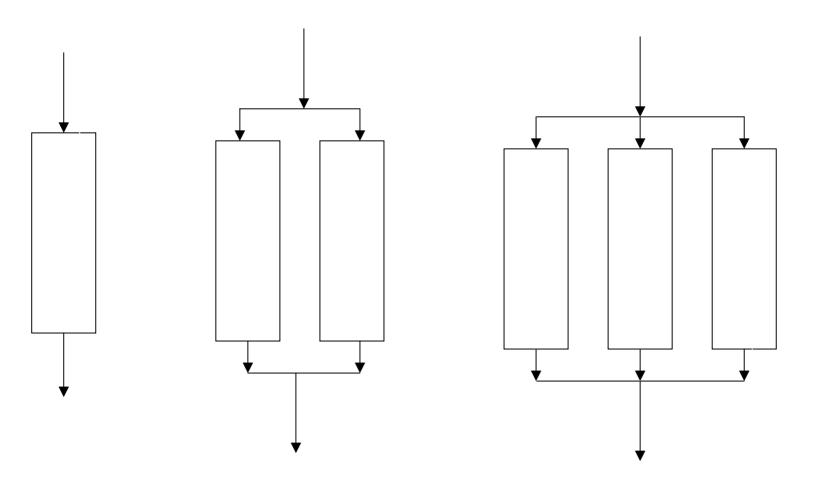






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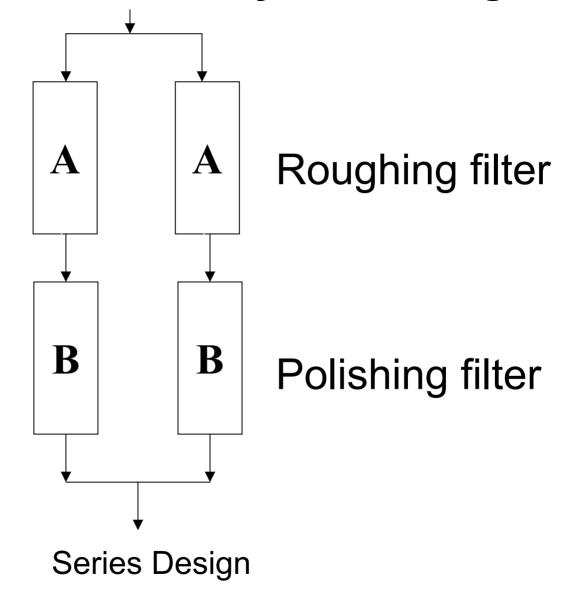
### **Adsorptive Media System Designs**



Simple 1, 2, or 3 beds in parallel



### **Adsorptive Media System Design**

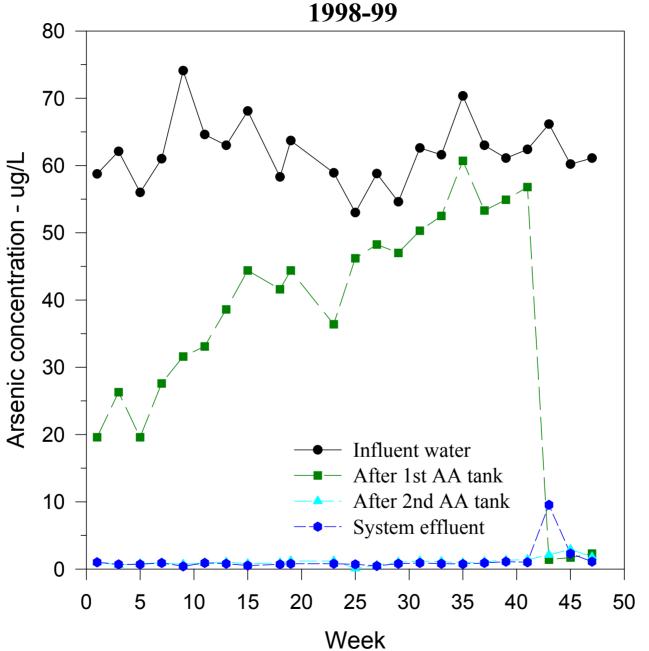




### **Activated Alumina System - New Hampshire**



Arsenic Removal, Activated Alumina System(CS), NH.





Influent water: pH 8.2, alk 58 mg/L (CaCO3), Fe <0.03 mg/L

### **Adsorptive Media Treatment**

Flow	Media	Design	Total Capital Investment (TCI)	Equipment Cost	Eq Cost % of TCI
70	G2	Series	\$154,700	\$102,600	66
37	AAFS50	Series	\$228,309	\$122,646	54
45	E33	Series	\$90,757	\$66,235	73
100	E33	Parallel	\$106,568	\$82,081	77
145	E33	Parallel	\$139,251	\$112,211	80
300	E33	Parallel	\$211,000	\$129,500	62
320	E33	Parallel	\$153,000	\$112,600	73
350	GFH	Parallel	\$232,309	\$157,646	68
640	E33	Parallel	\$305,000	\$218,000	71

